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**REGISTRATION UNDERWAY**  
**FOR FALL BASKETBALL ACADEMY**

*New program combines academies with Winter Competitive League*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – Forsyth County Parks and Recreation is offering youth basketball players more opportunities to hone their skills on the court while preparing to play at the next level. A new three-year program combines the Spring and Fall Basketball Academies with the county’s new Winter Competitive League to offer youth athletes the chance to discover their talents on the court.

Registration for the Fall Basketball Academy is underway and will continue through September 3 for ages 5-12. The classes will be held from September 9 to October 28 at the Central Park Recreation Center on Sunday afternoons at age-specific times. The cost is \$125 for county residents.

Registrations will be taken at the county’s three recreation centers, located at Central Park, Fowler Park and Old Atlanta Park Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration will also be accepted via fax, mail and online at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com).

Players may start the eight-week academies in the spring or the fall. The first academy year will focus on learning the fundamentals of basketball while years two and three hone those skills into team play with 3-on-3 competitions. At the conclusion of their third year, players will receive a certificate for his or her age group signifying a status of “Got Game.”

The goal of the academies is to provide players a solid foundation of skills before they play in the Winter Competitive League.

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“We will be helping these players learn the fundamentals of the game before heading into the competitive play,” said Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Kinsey. “If a child starts in the academies at a young age and moves on to play in the competitive league, they will have valuable experience to advance and play at the next level. One of our goals as a Parks and Recreation Department is to help children have fun and discover what they are capable of accomplishing.”

Registration for the Winter Competitive League for ages 9-12 will be held Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning September 24 and continuing through October 12. Registrations will be accepted at the county’s three recreation centers, located at Central Park, Fowler Park and Old Atlanta Park. Registrations may also be submitted via fax, mail and online at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com). Games will begin on Saturday, December 1 and the season will culminate in an end-of-season tournament starting February 8. The cost for county residents is \$120.

Central Park is located at 2300 Keith Bridge Road. Fowler Park is located at 4110 Carolene Way. Old Atlanta Park is located at 810 Nichols Road. For more information on these programs, visit the Parks and Recreation Department page on the Forsyth County Web site at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com) or call 770.781.2215.

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